

RICHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

August 11th, 2025 MINUTES

1. Scott Banker called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Fire Station.
2. It was determined that the meeting was posted and properly noticed.
3. Roll call was taken with the following present: Kathy Maly, Wayne Morse, Jean Nicks, Gordie Brockway, Barb Brockway, Kurt Monson, Shirley Welte, Gary Manning, Bobbi Goplin, Calvin Sebranek, Ed Wells, Scott Banker, Pat Marshall, Dave Fry, Todd Coppernoll, Tom McCarthy, Steve Downs, Scott Gald, Brent Parker, Steve Krueger, and Lacey Luxton. A quorum was present.
4. Motion by Dave Fry, second by Wayne Morse to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Jean Nicks, second by Dave Fry to approve the minutes of the regular business meeting and the minutes from the special meeting. Motion carried.
6. Lacey Luxton reviewed the treasurer's report. At the last meeting the balance in the checking account at The People's Community Bank was \$320,603.67. Payroll total was \$2,243.64, total bills paid were \$5,757.31, and total deposits were \$12,517.18. Leaving a balance in The People's Community Bank checking account of \$325,119.90. The balance of the Money Market account at The People's Community Bank at the last meeting was \$332,373.86. Total interest credit was \$982.37, leaving a balance of \$333,356.23. The balance of the Vehicle Replacement account at The People's Community Bank at the last meeting was \$301,477.89. Total interest credit was \$937.49, leaving a balance of \$302,415.38. Motion by Calvin Sebranek, second by Steve Downs to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
7. The bills were presented for payment. Check #9249-9252 for \$2,243.64 was for payroll, check #9182-9183, 9237-9248 and EFT payments for \$5,757.31 was for bills. Motion by Jean Nicks, second by Dave Fry to accept the bills as listed and approve payment of the bills. Motion carried.
8. Chief's Report: Fire calls were reviewed by Chief Gald. Mutual Aid Association meeting was held in Blue River the week prior. Looking at December timeframe for new radio system. AFG grant in for radios. Black top for city lot and fire department lot from grant money and lot is currently being worked on. The fire department took the aerial truck to Walk with GRACE and also attended National Night out at the fairgrounds. The fire department is continuing to assist in Drone calls as the police department currently does not have a drone operator. On 8/12 there is fire extinguisher training. The fire department received REACH bags which contains items for kids during an incident or fire. Pump testing for trucks is completed. Inspection at new wedding venue in Richland County. Added 1 new member to the fire department, Hannah whom came from the cadet program. Five members have come off of probation. Budget handed out showing 3% added to expenditures for 2026, to take back to the townships. Discussion on demand for fire department getting more calls besides just fire calls. Discussion and inquiry regarding Airbnb inspections.
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business: None
11. Citizen Input: Inquiry about wire on roof at local business and if the issue has been resolved.
12. Other business to come before the Board: None
13. Set agenda for the next meeting: Standard Agenda
14. Next meeting is scheduled for September 8th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in the Fire Station.
15. Motion by Wayne Morse, second by Kathy Maly to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:30 pm.
 - a. Respectfully Submitted, Lacey K. Luxton, Secretary / Treasurer